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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: ASSAULTS ON UN FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON

REF: USUN 1906

1. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE WESTERN FIVE MEETING
REPORTED REFTEL, LEONARD AND PETREE SPOKE PRIVATELY
WITH AMB. LEPRETTE OF FRANCE. THEY SUGGESTED THAT,

WITH FRANCE'S DIRECT STAKE IN AVOIDING ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH THE PLO IN LIGHT OF RECENT INCIDENTS IN THE UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS FRANCE'S HISTORICAL RELATIONS WITH ARAFAT, AN APPROACH BY FRANCE DIRECTLY TO ARAFAT MIGHT BE THE MOST CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE CHANNEL OF INFLUENCE ON HIM. THEY ADDED THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL WARNING OF HARM TO PLO INTERESTS INHERENT IN ANY FAILURE OF UNIFIL, FRANCE MIGHT BLUNTLY INFORM ARAFAT THAT FRANCE WILL NOT CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ATTACKS AND OBSTRUCTION FROM THE PLO.

2. LEPRETTE RESPONDED PROMPTLY THAT FRANCE HAS SPOKEN TO ARAFAT ALONG THESE LINES BEFORE, AND INTENDS TO DO IT AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. YOUNG

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